



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

D.T.E. 05-64

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its annual reconciliation filing to recover costs associated with its obligations to provide employee pension benefits and post-retirement benefits other than pensions.

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Company") is required to publish the attached legal notice in either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald, and in the Fitchburg-Leominster Sentinel and Enterprise, at least fourteen (14) days prior to **November 2, 2005**.

The Company is required to give notice of this proceeding to the parties to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 04-48 (2004). The Company is required also to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary



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October 7, 2005

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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On September 30, 2005, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition seeking approval of a reconciliation adjustment mechanism to allow recovery for costs associated with the Company's obligations to provide its employees pension benefits and post-retirement benefits other than pensions. The Department docketed this matter as D.T.E. 05-64.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 on **Wednesday, November 2, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.** The Department will hold a procedural conference immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, October 26, 2005**. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [jody.stiefel@state.ma.us](mailto:jody.stiefel@state.ma.us), or (2) on a 3.5" disk. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must

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specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, (D.T.E. 05-64), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte/>.

The Company's petition is available for public review at the Company's offices, located at 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420 and at the offices of the Department during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Any person desiring further information regarding the petition should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, 260 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts at 617-748-6800.

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